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HOG CHOLERA VIRUS VACCINE AND DIAGNOSTIC

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of the fee in the present application, and prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 7 and 9 - $\cancel{1}$ 3, and insert the following new claims.

-- An isolated hog cholera virus (HCV) protein, which is the 44/48 kD protein. --

- -- Is. The protein according to claim No., which comprises the amino acid sequence from about 263 487 of SEQ ID NO:2. --
- -- R. An isolated HCV protein which is expressed by a recombinant nucleic acid molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding the 44/48 kD protein of HCV. --
- -- N. A method for the preparation of an HCV protein, comprising growing a recombinant host cell or recombinant virus comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the 44/48 kD protein of HCV, in a culture under conditions whereby the protein is expressed, followed by isolating the 44/48 kD protein from the culture. --

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